

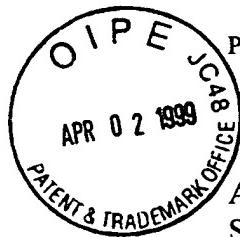
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For:

OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING
INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES
HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE (AS
AMENDED)

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments

In the Title

Please amend the title to read --OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF
COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM
MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE--.

In the Claims

Please add the following new claims 49-80:

- 1 49. (New Claim) A method of handling a computer task using an intelligent
2 agent, the method comprising the steps of:
3 (a) based upon an objective criteria, selecting at least one selected
4 program module from a plurality of program modules having varied degrees of
5 domain knowledge, wherein the plurality of program modules are configured to
6 handle a common computer task; and

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